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AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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1. IN KEEPING WITH PRIVATE NATURE OF VISIT, EXTAFF OFFICIALS (SHORTLIFFE AND NUTT) INDICATE GOC SEES NO REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. AT MOST THEY ENVISAGE BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH PRESS ON CONCLUSION TALKS DURING WHICH SECRETARY AND MACEACHEN WOULD MENTION SOME OF SUBJECT AREAS COVERED AND PROVIDE BRIEF CHARACTERIZATION OF TALKS.

2. GOC ALSO SEES NO NEED FOR FORMAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, PRESS ARE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AT AIRPORT AND WILL CERTAINLY ATTEMPT TO ELICIT SOME REMARKS FROM SECRETARY. SOMETHING FAIRLY LIGHT AND INFORMAL WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND WE THEREFORE SUBMIT FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT FOR USE ON ARRIVAL.

3. "MINISTER MACEACHEN AND I MAKE IT A HABIT TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH. A FEW WEEKS AGO WE AGREED THAT LATE JULY WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR ANOTHER OF OUR PERIODIC INFORMAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ON THIS OCCASION MR. MACEACHEN HAS FAR EXCEEDED

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THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF HOSPITALITY, NOT

ONLY BY SUGGESTING SUCH A CHARMING CITY FOR OUR MEETING, BUT ALSO, APPARENTLY HAVING LEARNED OF MY ATHLETIC REPUTATION, BY ARRANGING SOME CONTESTS FOR MY FAMILY'S AND MY ENJOYMENT WHILE WE ARE HERE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR EXCHANGES ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES WILL BE INSPIRED BY THE COMPETITIVE BUT AMICABLE CHARACTER OF THE OLYMPICS."

4. INFORMAL TOASTS WILL PROBABLY BE EXCHANGED AT LUNCHES. SUGGESTED TEXTS AS FOLLOWS.

5. AT MACEACHEN'S LUNCH: "I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION THAT YOUR INVITATION, ALLAN, TO HOLD OUR MEETING THIS WEEK IN MONTREAL WAS INSPIRED BY THE PUREST OF MOTIVES. I HAVE CONSIDERED THE NOTION THAT YOU INTENDED TO IMPART TO ME SOME SUBLIMINAL SYMBOLISM ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT IN OUR TALKS TOMORROW:

"WAS I TO EQUATE THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO PUT THE SHOT FOR A MEDAL-WINNING DISTANCE WITH THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO MOVE ALLAN MACEACHEN FROM CERTAIN LAW OF THE SEA POSITIONS?

"WAS THE JAVELIN THROW TO WARN ME OF WHAT TO EXPECT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE US POSITION ON THE GULF OF MAINE BOUNDARY QUESTION ONCE MACEACHEN HAD TOSSED HIS ARGUMENTS?

"I HAVE, OF COURSE, REJECTED ANY SUCH NOTION AND ENTIRELY ABSOLVE YOU OF ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVATION. IF ONE MUST FIND SYMBOLISM IN OUR MEETING HERE DURING THE OLYMPICS, PERHAPS ONE SHOULD POINT TO THE FACT THAT OUR TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FENCING FINAL, THE SYMBOL BEING THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND CANADIAN MINISTERS DO NOT CONSIST OF CUTS AND THRUSTS DESIGNED TO SCORE POINTS, BUT RATHER AMICABLE AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, TO FIND AREAS OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF OUR NATIONAL INTEREST, TO ALERT EACH OTHER TO DEVELOPMENTS ON THE HORIZON SO THAT THEY MAY BE DEALT WITH BEFORE BECOMING ISSUES BETWEEN US. WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE AS OUR COMMON AIMS, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN DRINKING TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR TALKS TOMORROW."

6. AT SECRETARY'S LUNCH: "IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO HONOR YOU, MR. MINISTER, ON THIS IMPORTANT OLYMPIC DAY WHEN THE WORLD'S ATHLETES ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE CULMINATION OF THEIR MAGNIFICENT EFFORTS. THIS BEING THE U.S. BECENTENNIAL YEAR AS WELL AS CANADA'S OLYMPIC

YEAR, I HOPE IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN AMISS IF I RECALL
THAT, HAD EVENTS IN THIS PART OF THE CONTINENT 200 YEARS
AGO TAKEN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TURN, THE U.S. WOULD BE
HOST TO THE OLYMPICS HERE TODAY. FORTUNATELY, FOLLOWING
THE OCCUPATION OF MONTREAL IN 1775 BY AMERICAN FORCES,
THE GOD IN WHOM AMERICANS TRUST CAME THROUGH FOR US:
FORESEEING THE PROBLEMS THIS YEAR'S OLYMPICS WOULD CAUSE
THE HOST, HE SPARED THE U.S. BY ORDAINING DEFEAT AT
QUEBEC FOR THE MONTGOMERY-ARMOLD EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
SINCE THAT BOUT IN 1775, AND ONE RE-MATCH IN 1812,
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE MUTUALLY DECIDED THAT
THERE SHOULD NO LONGER BE ANY THOUGHT OF A FINAL EVENT
IN U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS. COMPETITIVE OUR RELATIONSHIP
MAY BE AT TIMES, WITH BOTH LOW AND OCCASIONALLY HIGH HURDLES
TO OVERCOME. BUT I FEEL WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE OF
MATURITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WHERE THE COURSE BEFORE
US IS A COMMON ONE RUN IN HARMONY AND COOPERATION AND
WHOSE END RESULT IS THE SHARED GOLD MEDAL OF REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATION OF OUR SEPARATE NATIONAL INTERESTS. I ASK
YOU TO JOIN ME IN DRINKING TO THAT RELATIONSHIP."

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